



Is the Antichrist Kingdom Already at Work Today?

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In the vast field of theological discussions, the topic of the antichrist kingdom and its existence in our modern world often comes up. This topic takes us back to Biblical times, specifically, [Daniel 8:23-25](#) and [Revelation 6:2](#). This article aims to delve into the origins, operations, and the current state of the antichrist kingdom, through a humble, respectful, and professional interpretation of the referenced scriptures.

The Prophecy in Daniel 8:23-25

The prophecy in [Daniel 8:23-25](#) tells of "*a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences*", who would rise up during the latter time of the Greece Empire, holding great power but not through his own might. This is widely interpreted to be the Antichrist Kingdom, which is believed to have already begun its work around 158 BC through the Roman Empire.

The Greek and Roman Empires: Fulfillment of the Prophecy

The Greek Empire, notorious for its reprehensible acts, was succeeded by the Roman Empire. The Greek king Antiochus IV Epiphanes, for instance, committed a significant abomination in the Jewish temple by invading Jerusalem, erecting a statue of the Greek god Zeus, and sacrificing a pig on the altar of incense. Such extreme sacrilege could be seen as the culmination of wrongdoing, potentially fulfilling the prophecy in [Daniel 8:23](#), which suggests that at this peak of transgressions, wrongdoers have "*run their course*". This implies that following this peak, a significant transition or divine intervention may occur, embodied in this context by the rise of the Roman Empire.

The Roman Empire, symbolized as a white horse in [Revelation 6:2](#), took over and represents the power of the antichrist. The Roman Empire, which had conquered the known world, including the Middle East around 53 BC, is the same empire that crucified Jesus. This is the fulfillment of [Daniel 8:9](#), which prophesied that the antichrist kingdom would emerge from one of the four kingdoms into which the Greek Empire had divided. This kingdom started waging a battle against God, a battle that is believed to be ongoing today.

The Symbolism of Iron and Clay

In the prophecy of Daniel, the Roman Empire is depicted as two iron legs (Western and Eastern), which later transform into a mixture of iron and clay ([Daniel 2:40-43](#)). Iron, a symbol of strength, represents the destructive force of the demons striving to destroy God's design ([Daniel 2:40](#)). Clay, on the other hand, represents humans, who were created from the soil, symbolizing our fragility and imperfections ([Genesis 2:7](#)). Upon the fall of the Roman Empire, the United Nations (represented by iron and clay feet) inherited its legacy. The UN, as part of this new form of leadership, exhibits a unique hierarchy where laws originate from the iron and are implemented by the clay. This is in line with what Daniel said about the iron and clay feet: "*They will combine with one another in their descendants; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not combine with pottery.*" ([Daniel 2:43](#)). This suggests a union that lacks cohesion, much like the diverse and often conflicting nations that comprise the UN.

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[Revelation 17:10](#) discusses various phases in a historical context: "*Five have fallen*" refers to the fallen empires of Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persian, and Greece. "*One is*" alludes to the existing Roman Empire during the time of the Revelation. The phrase "*the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a little while*" pertains to the future emergence of the United Nations, which is predicted to exist for a short duration. Returning to the metaphor of iron and clay, it can be said that the UN is the extension of the Roman Empire, constituting its second phase. This empire, symbolically represented as the beast, suffered grievous wounds through two world wars, resulting in the demise of monarchical systems but persisting in an altered state. In its final stage, often termed the Revived Roman Empire, this entity is anticipated to spawn the Antichrist, not merely as a spiritual force but as a tangible incarnation ([2 Thessalonians 2:3](#)).

Conclusion

Understanding the existence and operations of the antichrist kingdom, its historical context, and its manifestation in our contemporary world is crucial. Whether one chooses to repent or not, understanding these aspects allows for informed decisions about one's soul's destiny. The Antichrist kingdom, according to interpretations of various scriptures, has been at work since the Roman Empire and continues to operate to this day. As believers, we are encouraged to remain vigilant, knowing that at any time, the Church may be raptured. Indeed, in our current era, there is discernible evidence of the Antichrist's influence, working behind the scenes of global governments and collaborating with individuals who have chosen to consort with dark forces. This underscores the urgency for believers to stand firm in their faith and to prayerfully discern the signs of the times, remaining steadfast in their commitment to righteousness and truth.

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